REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 22-45 are currently pending. Applicants canceled claims 1, 22, 24-32, 34-43 and 45 herein. The remaining claims (i.e., claims 2, 23, 33, and 44) were previously allowed by the Examiner in the Advisory Action dated June 24, 2005.

Accordingly, in view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in the present case. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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